



**CALIFORNIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
LAW ENFORCEMENT AND VICTIM SERVICES DIVISION**

June 8, 2009

TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

RE: LETTER OF INTEREST FOR THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP),
PROBATION SPECIALIZED UNITS RECOVERY ACT PROGRAM

The California Emergency Management Agency (Cal EMA), Law Enforcement and Victim Services Division, anticipates releasing the RFP for the Probation Specialized Units Recovery Act (PR) Program by June 15, 2009. This grant program is authorized by Public Law 111-5: The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the "Recovery Act"). The goal of the program is to enhance or create specialized units within probation departments in California to intensively supervise small caseloads focusing strictly on sexual assault offenders. Eligible applicants include probation departments currently receiving funds from the Probation Specialized Unit Program (PU).

There is \$1,196,893 available for the PR Program; Cal EMA anticipates funding approximately seven projects ranging from \$100,000 to \$200,000 each, based on service area population, with a twenty-five percent (25%) match requirement. Each project will receive funding for twelve months beginning October 1, 2009 and ending on September 30, 2010.

The stated purpose of the Recovery Act is to preserve and/or create jobs, and promote economic recovery. Consistent with the strong emphasis on accountability and transparency of the Recovery Act, it is essential that the accounting systems of the successful applicants ensure funds from the award under this Recovery Act are not comingled with any other funding sources (including federal grant funds from non-Recovery Act grants awarded for the same or similar purposes or programs). Successful applicants must be prepared to track and report on the specific outcomes and benefits attributable to the Recovery Act funds as required by Cal EMA. It is also anticipated that the requirements will include monthly fiscal and programmatic reports.

Federal funds must be used to supplement existing state or local funds for program activities and must not replace those funds appropriated for the same purpose. The respondents to the PR Recovery Act Program RFP must clearly document the funds will be used to hire new staff, rehire staff who received lay-off notices, or fund hours of staff which were decreased due to insufficient funds in the agency.

Please visit our website on June 15, 2009 to determine if Cal EMA has posted the RFP for the PR Recovery Act Program. To download a copy of the RFP, go to the Cal EMA website (www.oes.ca.gov), select "Grants" on the bar at the top of the homepage, and then select "(LEVS) Criminal Justice Grants RFA/RFPs." Click on "Request for Proposal (RFP) Funding Information," and then select "Probation Specialized Units Recovery Act Program."

Should you have questions, please contact Dennis Hall, Program Specialist, Children's Section, via email at: Dennis.Hall@oes.ca.gov or by telephone at (916) 323-1569.

Sincerely,

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